Top Wing (Season 1)

Top Wing is a Canadian computer-animated television series created by Matthew Fernandes of Industrial Brothers and produced by Industrial Brothers and 9 Story Media Group. It premiered on Nickelodeon in the United States on November 6, 2017, and debuted on Treehouse in Canada on January 6, 2018.

At least it improved in season 2

Plot

Best friends and cadets-in-training Swift, Penny, Rod, and Brody congregate at Top Wing Academy, where they learn what it takes to gain their wings and become rescue birds on Big Swirl Island. Swift is a blue jay and the fastest pilot at the academy; Penny, the only female in the group, is a penguin, and she is an expert at undersea life; Brody is a puffin who takes a more land approach, and Rod is a rooster who is ready to fly around Big Swirl Island in his all-terrain vehicle. The four friends are joined by their mentor Speedy, who helps the cadets on their different missions. "Top Wing" focuses on the importance of teamwork and the ability to successfully solve problems.

Why This Season Sucked

1. The pacing was very slow.
2. The animation looked like plastic.
3. It was a very obvious cash-in on *PAW Patrol*, which ironically airs on the same network affiliate.
4. Bland and annoying characters, especially Rod.
5. Tries to teach lessons but fails miserably.
6. The show has sexist undertones; there are four cadets training at 'Top Wing Academy', only one is female; Penny. Penny is the only cadet who has ever failed to earn a 'badge' (What cadets earn for learning a skill). Penny failed to earn her map-reading badge and the other three male cadets have to 'help' her earn it. In contrast one of the male characters earned multiple badges in a different episode. There is a female instructor who is interested in mechanical work, but in the episode 'Chicks on the Loose' she says "There's nothing more fun than fixing stuff" in the most cliché 'air-head' voice we've ever encountered on a children's program.
7. Regarding exclusiveness, there is a turtle from the island that Top Wing Academy is located. This poor turtle wants to be a top-wing cadet so badly he dreams about it in one episode. In that same episode he gets stuck on a tree branch and has to call Top-Wing for help. To add insult to this turtle's injury the top-wing cadets also have to save his lunch box.
8. To recap: This season reinforces the idea that girls learn slower than boys, adult women are fundamentally defective if they are interested in something that is traditionally 'male', and it's okay to leave weaker individuals out of elite clubs.
9. The theme song is a complete ripoff of "Turning Japanese" by The Vapors.

Redeeming Qualities

1. Some of the characters can seem cute from time to time.

2. The show improved MASSIVELY in the season 1 finale and season 2, when the cadets got an upgrade, as well as the animation and plotlines being improved.
3. The voice acting is okay.

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